States/UTs	No. of Beneficiaries	Expenditure incurred in 2000-01 (Rs . in crores)
Mizoram	1000	0.09
Nagaiand	2600	0.56
Rajasthan	53869	5.89
Sikkim	2411	0.21
Tripura	11480	0.55
Uttar Pradesh	206870	11.01
Uttaranchal	12609	0.17
Himacha! Pradesh	3426	0.19
TOTAL	483621	29.67

Sanction of Rs. 58,200 crore for rural road development programme

4066. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have lately cleared a Rs. 58,200 crore rural road development programme;

(b) if so, the State-wise allocation thereof;

(c) the steps taken to ensure development of rural roads commensurate with the expenditure made thereon; and

(d) the targets for rural road development fixed under the contemplated programme ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) Government have been implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from the year, 2000-2001. While the State/ Union Territory-wise allocations for the current year are in the process of being determined, the State/UT authorities have been advised that, at this stage, the available funds for the year 2001- 02 may not exceed the last year's allocation.

The road works under the PMGSY are to be executed according to standard specifications, within the prescribed time-frame. The Programme seeks to provide connectivity, by way of good All-weather Roads, to Unconnected

Habitations in the rural areas, with a population of 500 persons and above, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007).

Setting up of National Rural Road Development Agency for implementation of PMGSY

4067. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether massive rural road construction programme under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" (PMGSY) has recently been approved by Government as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 9th August, 2001;

(b) whether Government have authorised the Ministry of Rural Development to set up a National Rural Development Agency for this purpose;

(c) if so, what.is the total cost of the above programme and how State-wise implementation thereof will be undertaken; and

(d) whether over 1.40 lakh habitations across the country will be connected by road towards end of 2007 ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is estimated that the total cost of the Programme may be of the order of about Rs. 60,000 crore. The projects under PMGSY are formulated by the State Government based on the District Rural Roads Plans and, are executed by the State Authorities, after clearance of the same by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) The Programme seeks to provide connectivity, by way of good All-weather Roads, to all Unconnected Habitations (currently estimated at J.40 lakh) in the rural areas, with a population of 500 persons and above, by the end of the Tenth Plan Period (2007).

Extension of non-lapsable Centrally sponsored schemes to J & K

4068. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that funds for Centrally sponsored schemes remain un-utilised and get lapsed in most of the areas of J and K State due to limited working seasons of five to six months in a year in view of its topography and climate being such that execution of works cannot take place round the year; and